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FOR WALKER FROM EASUM

1. SEPTTEL GIVES YOU GENERAL INFORMATION ON SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS TO BE ASSIGNED SEVERAL EMBASSIES THIS SUMMER PARTICULARLY IN AFRICA. SOME HALF DOZEN AFRICAN POSTS HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST AND WE ARE EXPLORING POSSIBLE PROJECTS AND CANDIDATES WITH SEVERAL GRADUATE SCHOOLS INCLUDING WOODROW WILSON SCHOOL, PRINCETON, GEORGETOWN AND BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

2. WE HAD NOT ORIGINALLY THOUGHT OF LOURENCO MARQUES AS POSSIBLE CUSTOMER FOR INTERN THIS SUMMER, BUT HIGHLY ATTRACTIVE PROJECT AND CANDIDATE HAS JUST BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION AND I WANTED YOU HAVE OPPORTUNITY CONSIDER THE DOSSIER. PROPOSAL COMES FROM JEANE WHITTLESEY, 28 YEARS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGE, DOCTORAL CANDIDATE IN AFRICAN HISTORY AT BOSTON UNIVER-

SITY WITH SPECIALIZATION IN EAST AFRICA AND PORTUGUESE AFRICA. SHE WISHES DO BIBLIOGRAPHY STUDY IN LOURENCO MARQUES OF OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS SINCE 1961. PROJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH AND IS SUPPORTED BY JIM ARMSTRONG (WHOM YOU WILL REMEMBER AS LIBRARIAN OF AFRICAN ALCOVE AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY), RONALD CHILCOTE, DOUG WHEELER, AND JULIAN WHITHERELL OF LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. WHITHERELL'S VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE IN APRIL 1972 IDENTIFIED NEED FOR JUST SUCH A STUDY AS MRS. WHITTLESEY PROPOSES.

3. MRS. WHITTLESEY, WHOM I HAVE INTERVIEWED, IS HIGHLY MOTIVATED AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED FOR SUCH A PROJECT. SHE WAS FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER IN BRAZIL, SPEAKS AND READS PORTUGUESE AND FRENCH WELL, HAS EXCELLENT ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS IN AFRICAN STUDIES, AND HAS ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE IN LIBRARY SCIENCE AND BIBLIOGRAPHY WORK.

4. CONTACTS SHE WILL WISH TO MAKE IN LOURENCO MARQUES WILL INCLUDE FOLLOW-UPS WITH SOURCES VISITED BY WITHERELL, E.G., ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER, ANTONIO RITA PERRERA AT THE INFORMATION AND TOURIST CENTER, DR. SANCHES GAMA AT THE NATIONAL LIBRARY, THE MISSIONARY PRESS, BOOKSTORES, PUBLISHING HOUSES, GOVERNMENT OFFICES, THE LIBRARY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LOURENCO MARQUES, THE BANCO NACIONAL ULTRAMARINO, AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF QUELIMANE.

5. INR AND AF SEE IMPORTANT VALUE IN PROPOSED SUMMER PROJECT WHICH MIGHT PRODUCE HIGHLY USEFUL DOCUMENT FOR BOTH GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE USE. AT SAME TIME WE REALIZE YOU MAY FIND THE PROJECT UNTIMELY OR INAPPROPRIATE. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS SOONEST. KISSINGER

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